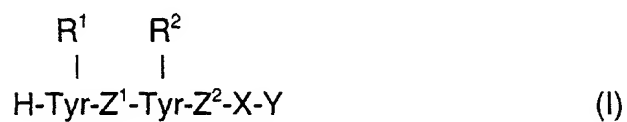


ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a peptide of the formula:



wherein R¹ and R² are the same or different and each represents SO₃H or H; X represents an α-amino acid or a single bond; Z¹ and Z² are the same or different and each represents an α-amino acid; and Y represents OH or NH₂. This peptide has plant growth factor properties.